

Libya, E. Germany sign 10-year pact

BERLIN, June 28 (AP). — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi wound up a three-day visit to East Berlin today, taking with him a new 10-year agreement on political, technical and economic cooperation. Qaddafi left by train for Warsaw, Poland, seen off by East German leader Heinrich Honecker at a flag-bedecked station in the center of East Berlin, the state news agency ADN reported. The 34-year-old Libyan leader is making an East European political and economic tour had already taken him to Bulgaria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia before East Germany. No details were disclosed of the 10-year agreement. A separate agreement was signed on cooperation in "the area of health affairs," ADN said.

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Egypt producing missile boats

CAIRO, June 28 (AP). — War Minister Mohammad Abdel Ghani Gamassi was quoted by the semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram today as saying that Egypt is producing its own missile boats. The paper did not give any further details beyond saying the "October" type boats are "being built locally with Egyptian hands." October is the month during which the 1973 Arab-Israeli war broke out. Gen. Gamassi, speaking to Egyptian naval officers, also said a number of destroyers and a shipment of land-to-sea missiles are on their way to Egypt from abroad, according to the report which added no details. President Anwar Sadat said two weeks ago that Egypt will produce its own jet fighters within two years.

Vietnamese forces thrust into Cambodia

SINGAPORE, June 28 (R). — Vietnam has launched a major military operation against its communist neighbor Cambodia, thrusting troops well inside Cambodian territory with heavy bombing and artillery support despite the risk of further angering China, diplomatic sources said here today. The Vietnamese were reported to have advanced in some places up to 50 kms. into Cambodia, with the potential to threaten the capital Phnom Penh, the sources said. But diplomatic sources in Bangkok said the main bulk of the fighting was in areas about five to 10 kms. inside Cambodia north of the so-called Parrot's Beak salient, which juts into Vietnam. These sources said fighting had been going on in Cambodia for almost two weeks in its latest phase of the border war. Hostilities began in April 1977 and both countries launched large-scale attacks on each other in December, followed by a break in diplomatic relations. The Vietnamese underlined the seriousness of their latest offensive by giving heavy artillery and close aerial support to their troops, diplomatic sources said in Singapore. The town of Mimot, about 10 kms.



Visiting Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister Ho Ying (third from left) is seen during a meeting with Premier Mudar Badran at the Prime Ministry Wednesday. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim is at the far left of the picture. See story page 3. (JNA photo)

26 bodies found in Baalbek

BEIRUT, June 28 (R). — The rightwing Lebanese Phalangist Radio said tonight that police in the Baalbek area, east of Beirut, had found 26 unidentified bodies. The broadcast quoted earlier reports as saying that armed men had stormed houses in four villages in the area and detained about 40 people. It said contacts were continuing to find out the reason for the action. Security sources in Beirut said they understood there had been some incident in the Baalbek area but had no details.

inside Cambodia, was reported in Vietnamese hands. Western diplomats said Vietnam's aim was not clear. They said it could conceivably develop into the long-suspected drive to seize Phnom Penh and install a friendly pro-Hanoi government. But the preponderant view of U.S. and other Western diplomats in Singapore was that Vietnam was probably embarking on another punitive action designed to push back the Cambodians from the border and give some relief to Vietnam's border villagers, who have suffered severely from Cambodian guerrilla raids. In Washington, the Voice of America quoted U.S. officials as saying the objective appeared to be the destruction of Cambodia's ability to attack Vietnam. In Bangkok, diplomatic sources cast doubt on the theory that Hanoi had launched a major offensive designed to reach Phnom Penh and dislodge reports that it had thrown 60,000 to 80,000 troops into the battle. They said the total number of men in positions along the border was only 80,000 to 100,000, which indicated that the Vietnamese aim was limited such as the consolidation of the enclaves they already held in Cambodian territory. A full-scale drive to Phnom Penh itself would carry the obvious risk of further inflaming Peking against Vietnam. China is Cambodia's main supporter against pro-Soviet Vietnam and the decline in its relations with Hanoi is said to date from the outbreak of the Vietnam-Cambodia border war. Vietnam indicated yesterday that Cambodia had recently stepped up its attacks inside Vietnamese territory. The Vietnam News Agency said Vietnamese forces had wiped out two Cambodian army battalions and inflicted major losses on other large troops units between June 16 and 23. Last January the Vietnamese advanced to within 55 kms. of Phnom Penh, but did not push beyond Neak Luong, the main river crossing on strategic Highway One, which runs between the Cambodian capital with Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) in southern Vietnam.

Aden confirms casualties

ADEN, June 28 (R). — Aden Radio today made the first official mention of casualties in the fighting which led to the overthrow and execution of President Saleh Robaye' Ali last Monday. The radio said that the Central Committee of the ruling National Front had observed one minute's silence "in mourning for the martyrs who fell while foiling the attempted coup" by Robaye' Ali. The radio said that in a meeting today the committee had also discussed the aftermath of what it called the bloody attempt by President Robaye' Ali

to impose his power on the country's collective leadership. It said that the National Front's Secretary General, Abdul Fattah Ismail, had chaired the meeting and would announce important decisions soon. Mr. Ismail and Prime Minister Ali Nasser Mohammad now make up the country's presidential council. Mr. Robaye' Ali's leadership of the council went to Mr. Nasser Mohammad after the president was tried on Monday for trying to overthrow his party colleagues. He was executed on Monday night. Aden Radio today described the late president as a deviationist. Meanwhile, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) said they would attend an urgent Arab foreign ministers' meeting called for Saturday by North Yemen to discuss the assassination last week of its President Ahmad Husain Al Ghashmi. Lt.-Col. Ghashmi was killed

on Saturday by a parcel bomb carried by an envoy of President Robaye' Ali, according to North Yemeni official accounts. South Yemen has denied any involvement.

PALESTINIANS BOMB BANK LEUMI IN TULKARM

BEIRUT, June 28 (R). — Palestinian commandos said here today they killed or wounded several Israelis with a time bomb at the Bank Leumi branch in Tulkarm, on the occupied West Bank of the River Jordan, yesterday. The Palestine news agency Wafa said the bank's entrance was destroyed by the blast. The bomb was planted by commandos operating inside Israel, it added.

Iraq will buy French missiles

PARIS, June 28 (R). — Iraq is negotiating to buy French Crotale anti-aircraft missiles, French officials said yesterday. The talks mark another stage in efforts by Iraq, largely reliant until now on Soviet aircraft and missiles, to diversify arms sources by buying Western weapons. News of the negotiations follows talks between French Defence Minister Yvon Bourges and Iraqi leaders in Baghdad last weekend. The officials said Iraq was also interested in a naval version of the Crotale for coastal defence and in France's new Mirage 2000 jet due for production in 1982. Iraq ordered 36 Mirage F-1 fighter-bombers from France last June and has also bought more than 100 French Max-30 medium tanks, Panhard light armoured cars equipped with SS-11 anti-tank missiles and two types of helicopter. Cadets from Iraq already train in French military colleges and the French officials said Iraqi leaders sought increased military cooperation. Iraq would be the eighth country to buy the French Crotale, built to combat low-flying supersonic aircraft. The others are South Africa, Pakistan, Morocco, Egypt, Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia and the Libyan Jamahiriya.

Moscow court begins legal action against U.S. newsmen

MOSCOW, June 28 (R). — The Moscow city court today served two American correspondents with a writ for slander in an unprecedented action against Western journalists stationed in the Soviet Union. The action involved the reporting by the Americans of a dissident's televised confession. In the writ brought by the state television committee, Craig Whitney of the New York Times and Harold Piper of the Baltimore Sun were accused of publishing false information slandering television employees. The suit was the first connected with the work of Western correspondents in the Soviet Union. It demanded a printed retraction of articles written by the two men, which quoted the dissident's family in Tbilisi, capital of Soviet Georgia. The legal action is the latest development reflecting the strained relations between Moscow and Washington. As Whitney and Piper were

in court today, U.S. embassy officials were dealing with the case of seven Soviet Pentecostals who dodged past Soviet police outside the building to seek American help. The Pentecostals, who ran into the embassy yesterday and spent the night in armchairs, said they would not leave until the Soviet authorities gave them permission to emigrate.

SHAZLI QUILTS PORTUGAL

LISBON, June 28 (R). — The Egyptian Ambassador to Portugal, dismissed by President Anwar Sadat, left here today for an unspecified country after saying Cairo authorities might try to kidnap him or have him assassinated. Gen. Sa'adedine Shazli, who last week denounced President Sadat as a dictator, said: "I am going to a country which has offered me the personal security that Portugal is unable to give."

Kamel ready to meet Dayan if Israel has a positive reply to Egyptian proposals

CAIRO, June 28 (Agencies). — Egyptian Minister Mohammad Ibrahim Kamel said today he might meet Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan in London if there was a positive Israeli response to Egypt's latest peace plan.

Mr. Kamel was speaking to reporters after a meeting with American Ambassador Hermann Eilts. Asked about suggestions by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance that he and Mr. Dayan might meet in London, Mr. Kamel said: "Egypt will first finalize its (peace) proposals which it will hand over to Mr. Eilts to pass on to Israel. If Israel's reply is positive, then Egypt will determine its position accordingly."

that Egypt and Israel can now begin intensified, direct negotiations on a Middle East settlement. In the interview, conducted in Washington, Mr. Vance said he is aiming for a series of direct talks between the two sides. But he cautioned that "it would be a mistake to expect instant, measurable progress."

Weizman's message to Gamassi

In a direct telegram to Egypt, Israel yesterday urged the opening of direct negotiations between the two nations, an Israeli Defence Ministry spokesman said. Defence Minister Ezer Weizman sent the message to Egyptian War Minister Abdel Ghani Gamassi in reply to a message from Gen. Gamassi four weeks ago. Gen. Gamassi urged that Israel form new proposals to break the deadlock in Middle East negotiations, and that Mr. Weizman present the proposals to Gamassi personally. In his reply, Mr. Weizman suggested that Israel's latest policy statement — that it was willing to reopen peace talks after a five-year trial peace — be the sought-after new proposal. The policy statement was a reply to U.S. queries, but Egyptian President Anwar Sadat complained it was too vague to serve as a basis for renewed talks. Mr. Weizman's telegram was sent via the Israeli military delegation in Egypt, set up shortly after President Sadat's visit to Jerusalem last November. In London, British officials

said on Monday the United States had made contact on the possibility of the Egyptian, Israeli and American foreign ministers holding talks there early next month. They could not confirm press speculation that such a meeting might take place in the British capital about July 9. The Americans have been holding urgent private discussions with both Israel and Egypt in a bid to re-start direct talks between them. Mr. Vance will be in London next month on his way to join President Carter in Bonn for an economic summit meeting. "I would not expect to go on to the Middle East," Mr. Vance said in interview. "I would think such a meeting hopefully would be the first of a number of meetings and would give the parties a chance to meet bilaterally as well as with me present. "If at a later date it would prove useful for me to go on to the Middle East, I would be prepared to do so, but what all of us want to see is to get the discussions between the parties going again." The secretary of state was relaxed and in his shirt-sleeves as he surveyed Middle East peace prospects in seventh floor office at the state department. "This is just the start of talks that will be taking place," Vance said of his prospective forthcoming session with Dayan and Kamel. "When the parties do get to the point where they sit down together you shouldn't expect things to happen overnight. "There are still very difficult issues to be resolved."



Demonstrators for the "Peace Now" movement assemble outside Israel's Knesset (in the background) late Tuesday afternoon in protest against the Israeli government's present policy on the peace talks. (AP wirephoto).

Mondale will make "private visit" to East Jerusalem during Israel trip

WASHINGTON, June 28 (R). — U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale said today he would make a private visit to occupied Arab Jerusalem's Western (Wailing) Wall during a three-day stay in Israel beginning Friday. A statement by his office here ended a touchy diplomatic exchange between the two countries that threatened to cast a cloud over the visit, primarily intended to mark Israel's 30th anniversary of statehood. The Israeli Mayor of occupied Jerusalem Teddy Kollek called for the visit to be cancelled if Mr. Mondale did not visit the old walled sector of the city which was occupied from Jordan in the 1967 war. U.S. officials, however, were opposed to including the Wailing Wall, in the official itinerary as it could be construed as bestowing U.S. recognition on Israeli claims of sovereignty over East Jerusalem. "My family and I intend to make a personal visit to the Western Wall, the most holy

shrine of the Jewish people," Mr. Mondale's statement said. "My friend Mayor Kollek is welcome to accompany me. "This is not a political visit, of course, but my return to the wall is a matter of great personal importance to me and my family." Previous high-level American visitors have entered Jerusalem's old city only as private individuals. Last year Secretary of State Cyrus Vance lowered the official pennant on his limousine when driving into the Arab city. Mr. Mondale previously visited Israel in 1973, only a few weeks before the Yom Kippur war. On this trip, which will be followed by a stopover in Alexandria for talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on the way home, he will be accompanied by his wife, Joan, and daughter, Eleanor. Also accompanying the vice president on the trip to Israel, but not to Alexandria, will be a delegation of 28 Americans,

mainly prominent members of the American Jewish community. His official party to both Israel and Egypt will include Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Harold Saunders, Deputy National Security Adviser David Aaron, White House counsel Robert Lipshutz and special presidential policy adviser Stuart Eizenstat. During his stay in Israel, Mr. Mondale will meet Israeli President Yitzhak Navon, Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir and key cabinet officials such as Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defence Minister Ezer Weizman. On Sunday night, he will deliver his major address of the visit to the Knesset after a state dinner in the parliamentary building. The vice president leaves here late tomorrow and will arrive back early Tuesday morning.



Princess Caroline of Monaco (second from left) and her bridesmaids Philippe Junot pose for a family photo with Prince Rainier Wednesday when they were married at the royal palace in Monaco. (AP wirephoto)

Caroline weds Junot

MONTE CARLO, June 28 (Agencies). — Princess Caroline of Monaco today married 38-year-old French financier Philippe Junot in a private civil ceremony at the royal palace where gates were later thrown open to the principality's subjects. The 21-year-old princess was married at a half-hour long ceremony attended only by her parents and a few close relatives in the palace's 16th-century throne room. Then, about 2,500 Monegasques passed under the palace's grand arch to attend a champagne reception where each was presented with a white corn-shaped packet of sweets. Caroline married Junot in the palace throne room where 22 years ago her father, Prince Rainier III, wed her mother, Grace Kelly, the American movie actress.

Genscher arrives in Israel

TEL AVIV, June 28 (R). — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher arrived today for a two-day visit and expressed the hope that his talks with Israeli leaders would further strengthen relations between the two countries. Mr. Genscher, who is on his fourth visit to Israel, was greeted by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and senior Foreign Ministry officials.

In a brief airport ceremony, Mr. Dayan said Mr. Genscher was regarded as an old friend of Israel who represented one of the world's most influential nations. "Since Israel is probably one of the most problematic nations. We can expect some interesting results from our talks," Mr. Dayan said with a smile. Replying, Mr. Genscher said he was always happy to visit

Israel and said he hoped the two countries would further develop and strengthen their already close relations. Mr. Genscher and his delegation of 14 government officials later left for Jerusalem where the West German foreign minister will confer tomorrow with government leaders, including Prime Minister Menachem Begin, and opposition leaders, including former Defence Minister Shimon Peres.

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The meaning of Kollek vs. Mondale

The Israeli Mayor of West Jerusalem, the very sensitive Mr. Teddy Kollek, is now angry because U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale will probably decline to be given a guided tour of occupied Arab Jerusalem by Mr. Kollek himself. Mr. Kollek is so angry, in fact, that he recommends the Israeli cabinet should cancel Mr. Mondale's visit altogether if the American visitor declines to see occupied Arab Jerusalem.

Mr. Kollek should have his bluff called. We doubt the Americans have the necessary confrontatory spark to do so, but we would like them very much to take on Mr. Kollek's anger and challenge his assumptions to their logical conclusion. The American position on this point -- if not others -- is very clear. The U.S. does not recognise Israeli sovereignty over occupied Arab Jerusalem, just as it views the Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza as illegal and contrary to international law. Assuming that what the United States says is more or less related to what it does -- which is a more or less safe assumption -- Mr. Mondale should not only refuse to go to Arab Jerusalem under Mr. Kollek's aegis, but he should also make it clear to the Israelis that the United States supports Israel's existence but not its conquests. He should do this forcefully and in public, and preferably in the presence of Mr. Kollek himself, perhaps even with the Old City of Arab Jerusalem in the background for added drama.

If there is one point on which there can be no doubt, it is that occupied Arab Jerusalem must revert to Arab sovereignty, totally erasing all signs of Mr. Kollek's so-called "annexation". If the premier would be Middle East peace-maker is not willing or able to tell this to the Israelis -- either by words, or by deeds such as Mr. Mondale's refusing to go to Arab Jerusalem -- then the very concept of an impartial mediator loses all meaning.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

In its editorial Wednesday AL RAI took issue with the idea that Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman is a moderate and said a bet on his future role in the Middle East crisis is already a lost wager.

In spite of Mr. Weizman's moves opposing Prime Minister Menachem Begin's policy his aides on Tuesday exposed his true affiliation when they emphasised that he still supports his Likud party plan not to abandon the West Bank. Weizman is only pursuing a different tactic the newspaper argues. Therefore a bid on his future role is a losing bet in advance.

Al Rai goes on to say that in his press conference Tuesday President Jimmy Carter's commitment to continue seeking a comprehensive and effective peace agreement was too optimistic. It asks: "What makes Mr. Carter hope for real progress if the Egyptian and Israeli foreign ministers meet in mid-July when their first meeting came to naught? And to what extent can the Egyptian and Israeli sides make concessions in order to agree on the resumption of negotiations?"

Any concession outside the framework of Security Council Resolution 242 would not lead to peace, the newspaper firmly believes.

AL DUSTOUR gives prominence to the recent "bloody and tragic" events in North and South Yemen which led to the murder of the two countries' presidents. The newspaper says the two strategically important Yemens are becoming increasingly vital targets for foreign ambitions -- particularly since the international conflict took a more extensive magnitude in the Horn of Africa making Southern Arabia apparent bone of contention among the rival forces seeking to establish a foothold in the Red Sea area.

The quick Saudi Arabian reaction to the Yemeni events indicates that it will not allow a neighbouring region to become a hotbed of struggle and violence. The newspaper urges the new leaders of South Yemen "to weigh the balance between their relations with their (Saudi) neighbours and the Arab nation at large and their foreign relations (with Moscow)". It also calls on the Arab League, whose council of foreign ministers is meeting shortly, to treat the dangerous crisis between the two Yemens in a brotherly spirit.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Music Programme

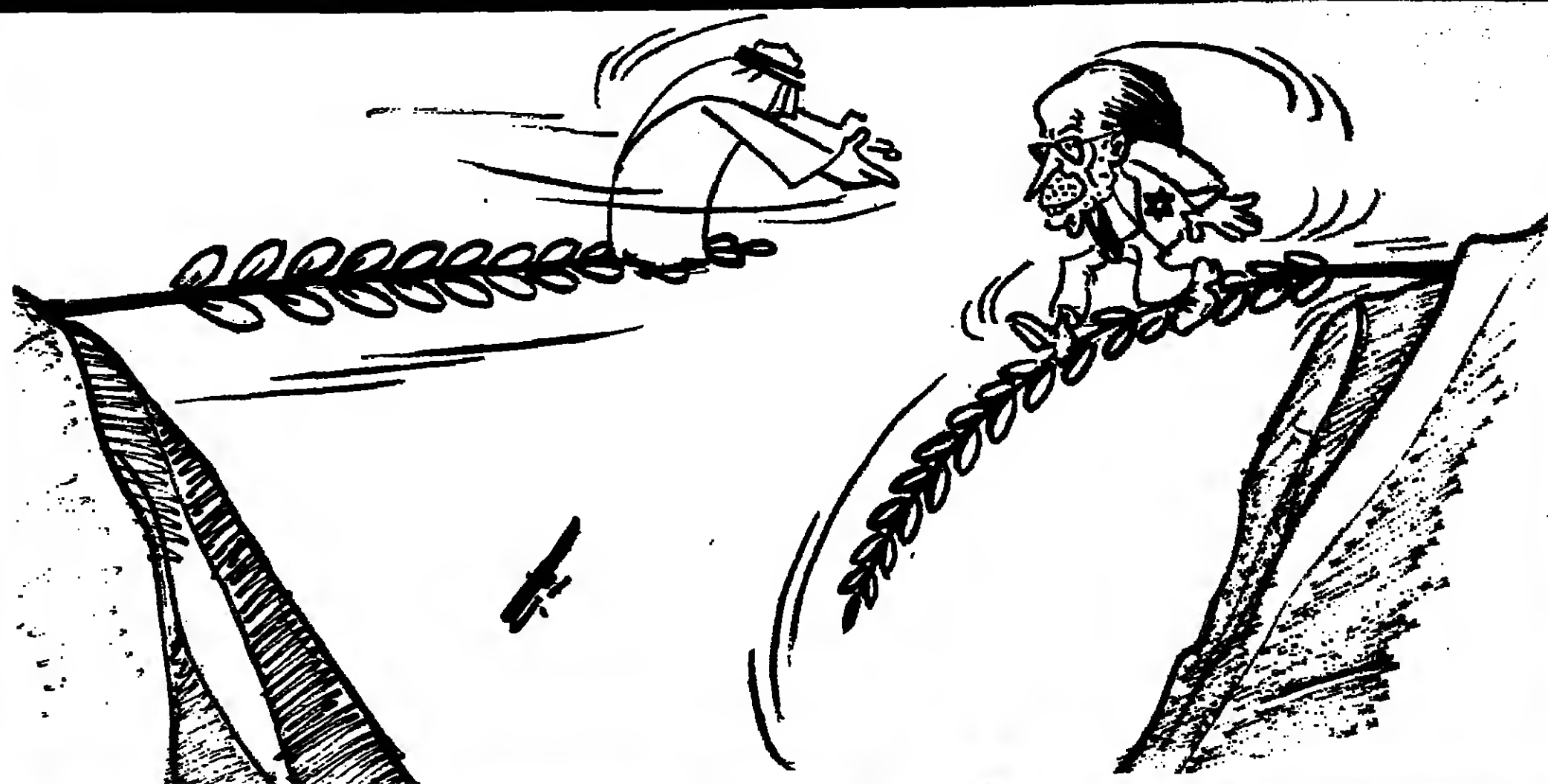
"The Canary Group" ensemble is holding the second concert this evening at the Haya Arts Centre at 8:30 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

Arabic Play

The Riham Theatre group from Egypt are presenting the comedy play "Who Doesn't Love Zouba" at the Palace of Culture, starting tonight at 8:30 and continuing till Saturday.

Ballet Film

The Russian ballet film series continues today with "Majnoun Laila" at the Soviet Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m.



After full nine month course

49 new graduates from Hotel Training Centre will help fill gap in Jordan's growing tourist trade

By Ian Kellas
 Special to the Jordan Times
 AMMAN, June 28—Forty nine new graduates from the Hotel Training Centre, including cooks, waiters, housekeepers, bar attendants, receptionists and "front office" workers graduated this evening from the Hotel Training Centre.

While students hurried behind the scenes laying out elaborate displays of food and drink for the guests, Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Ghaleb Barakat handed out ribboned scrolls to the centre's latest batch of graduates.

The graduates of the Hotel Training Centre are now the proud possessors of some enormous calligraphic certificates, which record their proficiency in such branches of knowledge as "the art of serving", "beverage technology", "aliens legislation" and "menu knowledge".

They are the sixth batch of students to graduate from the centre since its establishment in 1976, but the first to have undergone a full nine month course, including three months of on the job training.

The graduates will not have trouble finding jobs. As International Labour Office (ILO) Project Manager Mr. Adnan Habboub put it: "They are like hot currency". In fact, over 90 per cent of them had already been signed up by hotels and restaurants before they graduated. The remainder have been given places in higher level colleges abroad.

According to Mr. Habboub's calculations the tourist industry in Jordan will need 1,700 extra people with some sort of formal hotel training by 1981. This is on top of a further 2,600 who are needed with less sophisticated qualifications.

This is a gap which the Hotel Training Centre obviously cannot hope to fill by itself. The big chain operators like Sheraton and Intercontinental undertake their own training courses but with over 4,000 new hotel rooms to look after by the end of 1980, it seems that the only way to cope will be to import labour from abroad.

Nevertheless, the Hotel Training Centre graduates will probably have an important part to play in raising standards here--so long as they do not all immediately migrate to the Gulf. Although they are trained to "medium level", many of them will end up in positions of high responsibility.

The Front Office Manager at the Holiday Inn at Aqaba, for instance, is a graduate of the centre. With their very down-to-earth training, graduates like this, will be well qualified to instruct their colleagues on the job--however informally.

Education at the Hotel Training Centre has a heavy leaning towards the practical. There are of course classrooms in the converted apartment tucked behind the intelligence building at Abdali, but there are "laboratories" as well. Behind a door with the impressive notice: "Prototype Bedroom Laboratory" for instance, you find yourself in a comfortable, carpeted hotel room. Two uniformed students can be seen at work scrupulously forcing out the wrinkles as they make up the bed. They are also taught things like how to remove food stains from carpets and what to do when the air conditioning blacks out.

Next door to the House-keeping department at the centre is the Front Office section. Beside a large counter labelled "Reception" and "Cashier" there is a battery of typewriters and dextera machines. Already dressed over smartly in starched white collars (one reason why this department is over subscribed) the students are taught about reservations and accounting and how to handle simple computers.

Upstairs in the "Kitchen Laboratory" it is less easy to find out what is going on. A large cream gateau is instantly produced to stop the reporter's flow of questions. It is nevertheless possible to observe a large kitchen impressively kitted out with bulky machinery for peeling potatoes and cooking 35 lemon meringue pies at a go. Young trainees are anxiously watching their fillet fish meuniere frying in enormous saucepans. There are sections, it seems for oriental and for international cooking.

There is little doubt that the students are getting good at looking after themselves. Their eight-

to-two working day is interrupted by lunch, served of course in the "Restaurant and Bar Laboratory". There are printed menus and waiters-to-be in white jackets who bow and scrape gratefully. If you are lucky they will even pour you a cocktail--although coming from authentic bottles this turns out to be pure water.

The students not only enjoy a three star cuisine and sport elegant uniforms, they do not even pay any fees. The JD 65,000 annual running costs of the college are borne by the government. The ILO also assists with the provision of equipment and two or three experts.

Despite these advantages the centre has not been swamped by applicants, and everyone laments the fact that there is at present only one woman student. "People are only beginning to open their eyes to the hotel business" Director Nazih Dabbas explains. Nevertheless, the centre now has twice as many students as when it first began and this growth is almost certain to continue.

As is the case with all these new middle-level training institutes, one of the biggest problems is getting instructors. Wages in the hotel business in Jordan are now apparently not that much lower than those in the Gulf. But government salaries of course have lagged behind. Some instructors feel they can make more in tips in an Amman hotel than they can reaching at the centre. The only solution to this sort of problem seems to be to go on training instructors at a faster and faster rate so as to allow for the leakage.

The government is anyway going ahead with an ambitious project to build a new, fully-fledged hotel school. The contract for the construction of the school together with a 96-room hotel will be awarded by the end of the month, Mr. Habboub said. The World Bank has already committed \$ 1.5 million towards the project, and the designs have been completed by the ILO team here and the Danish consultants Dan-group.

The new hotel school should be in operation by the end of 1980 if not sooner. When fully operational it will take 240 students. Some of these will be doing three

year intensive courses leading to a B.Sc. in hotel management. Other students, arriving after the Preparatory Cycle at school will take a Tawjihi in hotel business.

Sited on a 13,500 square metre plot near Fourth Circle on Jabal Amman the complex will include dormitory accommodation for 120 students. The hotel which they will staff will have rooms classified in three luxury standards. There will

be a swimming pool and three restaurants. And all this will be open to the public at reasonable prices. "We are going into competition with the commercial hotels", Mr. Dabbas said with a grin.

When that happens you will be able to sample their fish meuniere and cream gateaux for yourself.



One of the celebrated acrobatic feats of the visiting North Korean art troupe.

North Korean art troupe arrives for 2-week visit

AMMAN, June 28 (JNA). — Seventy members of the Pyongyang Art Troupe from the People's Democratic Republic of Korea arrived here today on a two-week visit to Jordan during which they will present folkloric dancing, Arabic songs and acrobatic shows. The 600 member troupe, which was formed in 1948, includes composers, actors and choreographers, and participates in international productions with the aim of strengthening friendly ties around the world. The current visit to Jordan is part of the cultural and art cooperation agreement signed between Jordan and the People's Democratic Republic of Korea last year.

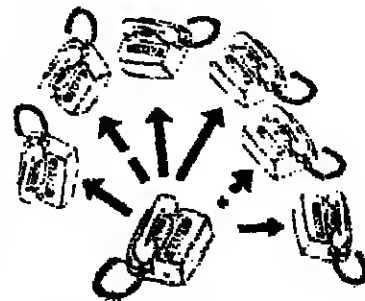
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King Hussein invited to visit China

AMMAN, June 28 (JNA). — An invitation has been extended to His Majesty King Hussein to visit the People's Republic of China. The invitation was conveyed by the visiting Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister, Ho Ying, during a meeting today with Prime Minister Mudar Badran. Mr. Ho said the Chinese people look forward to the visit which will further strengthen relations between the two countries.

Speaking in the presence of his accompanying delegation at the prime minister's office, Mr. Yi strongly condemned Israeli aggression against Arab states and Israel's expansionist policy. He reiterated China's support for Arab causes and praised Jordan's policy of strengthening solidarity among Arab states.

During the meeting, the prime minister explained Jordan's unchanging policy towards the Middle East question. He said there should be a complete Israeli withdrawal from all Arab lands occupied since 1967, and the Palestinian people should be given the full legitimate right to determining their own future.

The prime minister also told the visiting Chinese delegation about Jordan's development projects as laid down in the five year plan and expressed the hope that cooperation in various fields between Jordan and China will soon be increased.

Premier Badran accepted an invitation extended to him to visit China at a date to be fixed later.

The Chinese delegation also held official talks at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs today with a Jordanian team led by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim. The talks dealt with bilateral relations and developments in the Middle East region.

Welcoming the Chinese delegation, Mr. Ibrahim underlined in a speech the importance of the visit being the first of its kind to Jordan by a senior official from the People's Republic and expressed the hope that it will further strengthen relations between the two countries.

The minister also voiced Jordan's gratitude for the support China gives to Arab national causes — particularly that of the Palestine question and the Middle East problem.

In reply, Mr. Yi affirmed that the government of China is constantly working towards the strengthening of Jordanian-Chinese relations taking into consideration the safeguarding of mutual interests of both countries.

Later in the day the Chinese delegation visited the National Planning Council where they were briefed by its president Dr. Hanna Odeh on the various aspects of Jordan's social, and economic development plans, and achievements so far.



Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim (center left) discusses the Middle East situation with the visiting Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister Ho Ying (second from right) during official talks at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Wednesday.



Mr. Ho Ying (standing left) gives a speech after lunch Wednesday at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel.

Jordan steps up precautions against and remains free of cholera

AMMAN, June 28 (JNA). — The Ministry of Health is taking precautionary measures against cholera as some cases have already been reported in neighboring countries.

The measures include the formation of executive and technical committees to deal with cholera in hospitals and an extensive medical survey throughout the country to investigate water supplies, public utilities and food stores, in addition to stepping up health controls at border posts.

The ministry's under-secretary re-affirmed today that Jordan is free of cholera.

National News Roundup...

ArabAir H.Q. established in Amman

AMMAN, June 28 (JN). — ArabAir Services Corp. Ltd., the American and Arab owned civil aviation services company chaired by Najeeb E. Halaby, has recently established its headquarters here in Amman. The company's Middle East manager, Mr. Douglas McLean has been named managing Director. Other staff appointments have also recently been made: Hilmi Ghandour, formerly a member of the management team at Alia, The Royal Jordanian Airline, has been named Director of Technical Services and Ibrahim Arel has been named project Manager-Iraq.

Four new memorial stamps to be issued

AMMAN, June 28 (JNA). — In a meeting today at the Ministry of Communications the Higher Committee for Memorial Postal Stamps decided to issue four memorial stamps representing World Nursing Day the Five Year Plan for Economic and Social Development, International Children's Year and Arab Women. Each stamp will be issued in three units: 25, 40 and 50 fils.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

	Jordanian Dhs	Buying/Selling
U.S. dollar	308.00/310.00	
U.K. sterling	569.00/573.00	
W. German mark	148.10/149.00	
Swiss franc	164.90/165.80	
French franc	67.60/68.00	
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.00/36.20	
Japanese yen (for every 100)	149.30/150.20	
Dutch guilder	137.70/138.50	
Belgian franc (for every ten)	95.10/95.70	
Swedish crown	67.20/67.60	

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

The Jordan Times has started publishing a weekly rundown of events and activities taking place in Jordan. The section is called Jordan Weekly Calendar and will appear each Friday for a look at the week ahead.

We invite all clubs, societies, cultural centres and schools to inform us of their activities, exhibitions, meetings and outings that are open to the public. Help us help you to publicise your public events: charity bazaars, school open days, concerts, art, photo or commercial exhibitions, theatrical performances, films, lectures and sporting events.

Be sure to inform us of your activities in plenty of time for these items to be published in the weekly listing.

The Jordan Times will also continue to publish daily notices of events under the WHAT'S GOING ON section each day as well as the weekly listing. Please write to us at P.O. Box 6710, telephone 67171 or call in at our offices on the Amman-Sweileh road.

Appointment of Jordanian ambassador to China approved

AMMAN, June 28 (JNA). — The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said today that the People's Republic of China has approved the appointment of Mr. Kamal Lehmud as Jordan's ambassador to China. Mr. Lehmud currently holds the position of Secretary General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Coming & Going

Ibrahim Ayyoub returns from Tunis housing conference

AMMAN, June 28 (JNA). — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Ibrahim Ayyoub returned here today after representing Jordan at the Arab Housing and Reconstruction Ministers conference which opened in Tunis on June 19. Amman resolutions at the four-day conference was one calling for the formation of an executive bureau composed of representatives of five Arab countries which would follow up programmes for improving municipal and rural services in all Arab countries. The conference also decided to form a permanent secretariat within the economic committee of the Arab League and continue negotiations with the league for setting up an Arab housing bank to continue the policy of

Jordan's ambassador to Greece here for talks

AMMAN, June 28 (JNA). — Jordan's ambassador to Greece Fawwaz Abu Al Ghanam arrived here today. He told reporters that he is here to hold talks with Jordanian officials bilateral relations between Greece and Jordan.

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	Par value	Volume traded	Last buying offer	Last selling offer	Closing price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5.000	4,077	6.750	6.800	6.750
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10.000	3,525	15.150	15.250	15.150
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1.000	161	1.150	2.250	2.150
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5.000	8,219	16.800	—	16.850
Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1.000	560	—	1.850	1.850
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	2,313	—	1.400	1.350
Jordan Glass Factories	JD 1.000	222	0.800	0.850	0.850
The Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1.000	37	—	0.750	0.750
Total volume traded, Wednesday, June 28 JD 19,354					
Total number of shares traded 4,125					



Dr. Hanna Odeh President of the National Planning Council (NPC) briefs the visiting Deputy Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Ho Ying, on the working of the NPC during Mr. Ho's visit to the NPC Wednesday.

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JORDAN TELEVISION

Channel 3 & 6	Channel 3	Channel 6
5:30 Quran	8:30 Arabic series	7:30 News in Hebrew
5:45 Cartoons	8:45 Arabic programme (Science and Life)	7:45 Varieties
6:00 Arabic competition programme		8:00 Tony Randall
8:00 News in Arabic		8:10 Lorna Doone
10:15 Movie of the week: The Lawless Breed		10:00 News in English
		10:10 News in English
11:00 News in Arabic		10:15 Movie of the week
11:10 Continuation of film.		

RADIO JORDAN

9:00 Sign-on	12:04 Pop Session
7:01 Morning Show	14:00 News Bulletin
7:20 News Bulletin	14:10 Music
7:40 Morning Show	14:30 Special Feature
10:00 News Headlines	15:00 Concert Hour
	15:05 Pop Session
10:20 Morning Show	17:00 Hall of Fame
10:30 Happy Journey	17:30 Pop Session
11:00 Sign-off	18:00 News Summary
12:00 Sign-on and News Headlines	18:05 Album Review
	19:00 News Bulletin
12:04 Pop Session	19:10 News Reports
13:00 News Summary	19:30 Sign-off

EMERGENCIES

Doctors:	Pharmacies:
Amman: Not received	Amman: Al Salem (56730)
Irbid: Radwan Al Sa'd	Feyz (61627)
Zarqa: Nabil, Amman (52880)	Al Hikmah (38771)
Tarbis: The Star	Karak: The Star
Venue (44580)	Zarqa: Jaber Ibn Hayan
Najaf (52030)	

BBC RADIO

13:40 Book Choice	13:45 The Pleasure's Yours
14:00 Talkback	15:00 Radio News
15:15 Outlook	15:30 News, Commentary
16:00 News, Commentary	16:15 Allstar Cooke's Music 20's
16:45 World Today	17:00 News, Cricket
17:00 News, Cricket	18:00 News, News about Britain
18:00 News, News about Britain	18:30 Brain of Britain
18:30 Brain of Britain	19:00 Outlook, News Summary
19:00 Outlook, News Summary	19:45 Take a Sparkling Pair
20:00 News, 24 Hours	20:30 A Jolly Good Show
20:30 A Jolly Good Show	21:15 Business Report
21:15 Business Report	21:30 Business Matters
21:30 Business Matters	22:00 News, World Today
22:00 News, World Today	22:25 Financial News
22:25 Financial News	22:30 Book Choice, Reflections
22:30 Book Choice, Reflections	22:45 Sports Round-up
22:45 Sports Round-up	23:00 News, Commentary
23:00 News, Commentary	23:15 Merchant Navy
23:15 Merchant Navy	23:30 Top Twenty

VOICE OF AMERICA

6:00 to 6:30	Feature: Science in the News, News Summary, News Music USA
6:30 to 7:00	News Roundup, Reports, Actualities, Opinion, Ambiguity
7:00 to 7:30	VOA Magazine, America, Science, Culture, Letters
7:30 to 8:00	Special English, News, Music USA (Zard)
8:00 to 8:30	VOA World Report: News - newsman's voices
8:30 to 9:00	correspondent reports, background features, media comments, news analyses
9:00 to 9:30	Feature: Science in the News, News Summary, News Music USA
9:30 to 10:00	News Roundup, Reports, Actualities, Opinion, Ambiguity
10:00 to 10:30	VOA Magazine, America, Science, Culture, Letters
10:30 to 11:00	Special English, News, Music USA (Zard)
11:00 to 11:30	VOA World Report: News - newsman's voices
11:30 to 12:00	correspondent reports, background features, media comments, news analyses

AMMAN AIRPORT

Arrivals:	Departures:
8:50 Cairo (EA)	7:05 Damascus
9:00 Baghdad (RJ/GP)	7:05 Frankfurt (LH)
9:40 Kuwait (RJ/GP)	8:20 Beirut
9:45 Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ/GP)	8:30 Cairo (EA)
10:00 Damascus	11:30 Paris, London
10:15 Baghdad	12:00 Madrid, Athens
10:50 Beirut	12:00 London (BA)
11:30 Beirut	12:30 New York
11:30 Rawalpindi (BA)	13:30 Rome
12:50 Kuwait (RJ/GP)	13:30 Kuwait (RJ/GP)
14:05 Riyadh (SD)	14:30 Cairo
18:15 London	15:00 Doha
20:00 Cairo	15:15 Riyadh (SD)
21:00 Beirut (MEA)	21:00 Abu Dhabi, Ras El Khaima (RJ-GP)
21:00 Amsterdam (KLM)	21:30 Cairo

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 75111
Civil defence rescue	24381-4
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	38381-2
Municipal water service (emergency)	37111-3
Police headquarters	39141
Najaf river patrol rescue police (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency help	21111, 37777
Airport information (Alia)	73111
Jordan Television	73111
Radio, English Section	74124
Firehead, fire, police	19
Fire headquarters	22000

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al Basm Theatre	Tel. 226-446
Al Sha' Art Gallery	226-527
Time (in Arabic)	89
American Centre	332-361
Arab Cultural Centre	332-727
European Cultural Centre	337-691
British Cultural Centre	345-394
Deutscher Demokratischer Republik Cultural Centre	332-833
French Cultural Centre	332-494
Kabuki Theatre	222-916
National Museum	114-654
Soviet Cultural Centre	225-499
Spanish Cultural Centre	334-493
United Art Gallery	334-419
Zabihya Public Library	111-318

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 118-58
Chamber of Commerce	225-687
Electric Power Co. (emergency)	38381-2
Fire headquarters	118-58
Municipal water service	37111-3

Kenya finds new routes for growing road transport service but still looks forward to reopening of Tanzanian border

By John Worrall
NAIROBI, (F.T.)—With roads

Kenatco has only just pulled itself out of a crisis caused last year by the unilateral closing of the

that can be mere tracks or a shambles of slippery mud, the giant lorries and trailers of the East African transport organisations encounter problems seldom found elsewhere. Drivers have to be experienced and tough, vehicles kept always up to scratch.

One of these transport organisations, Kenatco, the Kenya National Transport Company, which is wholly owned by the Kenya Government, has now gone pioneering far from the borders of Kenya into distant places in East and Central Africa to find new markets.

Tanzania border, and the seizing of about 30 lorries worth around £40,000 each. The Tanzanians agreed to release them only a few days ago, and there are now high hopes in Kenya transport and trade circles that the border will be reopened, but whether trade will reach its old level remains to be seen.

Kenatco was badly hit by the total cessation of trade between the two former partners in the East African Community, which collapsed last year. The company lost about 70 per cent of its bus-

iness. It also lost the highly profitable and expanding transport business between Kenya and landlocked Zambia, because the road to Zambia goes through Tanzania, linking up with the Great North

Road to the Copperbelt.

Due to congestion at the Tanzanian port of Dar es-Salaam, Zambia was bringing in large quantities of vital imports from Kenya's Mombasa by road, and often exported its copper along the same route. Kenatco was heavily involved, but the business was stopped dead.

In the meantime, not to be daunted by such political crises, Kenatco's General Manager, Mr.

Hopes are now high that Kenya's border with Tanzania, closed for political reasons last year, will be reopened. But the closure has brought benefits to Kenya, which has found new routes for its rapidly-growing road transport service throughout East and Central Africa, over some of the world's worst roads.

Chris Karubi, decided it was time to push out for business elsewhere.

New business

"We are now pioneering what was thought to be impossible at one time, driving heavy-duty 25 ton trucks and trailers into Zaire, Burundi and Rwanda over earth

roads which are often merely tracks in the sand. Sometimes in wet weather they become slippery

quagmires", Mr. Karubi told me. "Soon we hope to move into Ethiopia and probably into Somalia. Ethiopia hopes to move her hides, coffee and other exports from the southern part of the country down the Addis Ababa-Nairobi road to Mombasa port. This road is tarred from Addis to the Kenya border, but still has an earth surface for many miles

inside Kenya." Kenatco's business has been enormously helped by the coffee boom last year, and some of the routes are very profitable.

Last year the firm brought out the whole of Rwanda's coffee crop, about 15,000 tons, and some 20,000 tons of coffee from Eastern Zaire, all of it shipped through Mombasa.

And all of it was transported through restless Uganda, the only route into Central Africa. Recently Kenatco has been

energetically following Kenya's trade flag in the South Sudan, transporting cement, spare parts, heavy machinery and building materials for development projects. Some lorries have tried to negotiate the dirt road between

Kenya and the South Sudan, but it is often impassable after floods. Now Norwegians are mapping out an all-weather road, which is essential if the Kenyans are to develop their potential export trade with the Sudan. Meanwhile, the most frequently used road to the Sudan is still the one which goes through Uganda.

The Kenya Government's investment in Kenatco is about £2,000,000 through the Kenya Industrial and Development Corporation. It controls a fleet of about 200 lorries and trailers,

mainly Mercedes, Fiat and Bedford, some of which are hired from private owners.

Last year Kenatco hauled 100,000 tons of goods over 100,000 kilometres of roads.

Because of the Tanzania route being closed to Kenya, Kenatco has recently been experimenting with the use of roads through Uganda and Zaire into Zambia, a very long distance indeed, but has found that they are too bad and too hazardous for heavy haulage.

"We hope the politicians and diplomats of Kenya and Tanzania will negotiate the opening of the Tanzania border so that our business can get back to normal," said Mr. Karubi. "At one time most of our business was with Tanzania."

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Paris art market returns to sanity following the fever

By Beata Levy

Paris, (F.T.)—When the bottom dropped out of the modern art market four years ago, the worst hit were those painters whose prices had escalated fastest due to speculative buying and often ill-advised investments on a world scale.

Now out of business are investment clubs in art which used to guarantee their clients an eight per cent a year capital gain. Also ruined are galleries which overstocked the high-priced but inferior work of well-known artists.

Market trends are currently more realistic. Works of quality change hands at stable prices, and new areas of interest are opening up which point to a swing in taste.

Living French artists whose paintings had escaped the speculative fever of the early seventies seem to provide the basis for a saner market of the future. In the opinion of Maître Binoche, a lead-

ing Paris auctioneer specialising in contemporary art, Arman, Cesar, Telemaque or Krasen, all as yet little known by the broad public, are gaining ground. Their prices are still low but have been rising steadily over the last few years. A Monory now fetches Frs. 12,000 and a Raynaud from Frs. 5,000 to 30,000.

New market

This range is reasonable enough to be attractive to young French middle class people who are developing a taste in contemporary art. Their new hobby of dropping in at art shows and museums can be traced back to the creation of the Georges Pompidou Modern Art Centre, which has much to do with making modern art more popular. The centre is now attracting no less than one million visitors a year. These have not by the same token become one million collectors, but they are certainly more alive to modern art forms than before.

Compared with New York, the Paris market is less prosperous and does not deal in such fashionable U.S. painters as Jasper John, Lichtenstein or Rauschenberg, who fetch Frs. 600,000 to 700,000 across the Atlantic. It is mainly a showcase for European painters, the leadership in modern art having moved to New York about 25 years ago.

However, Paris has retained its international standing. Over half of its volume of business is done with foreign clients. This was strikingly illustrated in April when 70 per cent of the buyers at two important auctions of modern art were non-French. But more significant were the record prices paid at these sales, which surpassed all estimates. The impression has now been created that a turning point has been reached and the Paris art market is out of the doldrums.

A painting of a woman by Picasso, dated 1939, of medium

"Art should not be treated as a fashion show at which last season's dress seems outmoded," says a Parisian gallery owner. After the shock of the recession trends in the art market are more stable and realistic—and business is picking up fast.

size, went for Frs. 740,000 while a similar work on the same theme fetched Frs. 280,000 only a month earlier. A Calder mobile, estimated at Frs. 60,000 sold for Frs. 160,000, a bronze by Duchamp-Villon for Frs. 650,000—and even Lanskov, who had suffered from the failure of Art International Investors, climbed back to Frs. 25,000-50,000.

The French election results must take the credit for this return of confidence. Prices such as these are milestones on the road to normal market conditions and prove that demand for high quality modern art remains fundamentally unaffected by the recession.

In the course of the past four depressed years, the art market has evolved in different directions. The big-league collectors apart, the art-loving public has multiplied. Every day of the week, the run-of-the-mill auction sales attract crowds of amateurs who may bid for obscure painters of the turn of the century, for posters, postcards and early photographs as well as for avant-garde creations.

Accent on originals
Nowadays, the accent is on original work, away from the "limited" editions which are in fact mass-produced prints and multiples with which the market has become saturated. Even a well-known artist's personal signature in the right-hand corner has ceased to be a redeeming feature and no longer has any market value. Their ill-controlled print-runs are to blame, having turned this art form into a mere consumer product. Not even youngsters are any longer attracted by their low prices.

By contrast, the work of living painters is gaining in popularity. Whether of the figurative school such as Arroyo, Buri, Euro or Reccalcati, or of the extreme avant-garde, such as Dolla, Jac-

card or Pincemin, their prices are still within the reach of most pockets.

After the first auction of early photographs and vintage prints two years ago, prices for the work of Brassai and Cartier-Bresson are up, and there are even signs of speculative buying in this field.

Posters have their adepts too, who at present will give more for old advertisements of bicycles than for those of food products, for example. None go beyond the Frs. 300 mark, though movie posters featuring Rudolph Valentino can fetch Frs. 1,800.

Original prints by the hand of the artist, whether ancient or modern, are attracting an increasing number of collectors. What determines their price is the quality of the reproduction, the

rendering of the ink on fine-quality paper, and the date of the print, which should be contemporary with the engraving.

But collectors with small budgets can no longer satisfy their longing for art nouveau, which has become too expensive, nor for the academic painters of the last 60 to 80 years, whose boom continues. A far better buy is a quality drawing by good modern painters like the ones on show at the Galerie Daniel Gervais, where prices start at Frs. 1,500.

Passing vogues

The nascent interest in the oriental painters turned out to be short-lived. With an eye on the Arab market, there had been an attempt to drive up the prices of paintings depicting North African scenes, in abundant supply since

the colonial period. But per-rodollars expressed no interest in these garish landscapes, which have now returned to the attics whence they came.

Imitations of impressionist paintings are also out of favour, since the American market has lost interest in them. And the recent flooding of the market with fake Roman and Phoenician glass from the Lebanon has harmed prices of good quality glass of the period, now hard to sell.

More cheerful than a year ago, Paris dealers are patiently banking on quality. They have become wary of fast turnovers and tend to be critical of the way modern painters are launched in America and Japan.

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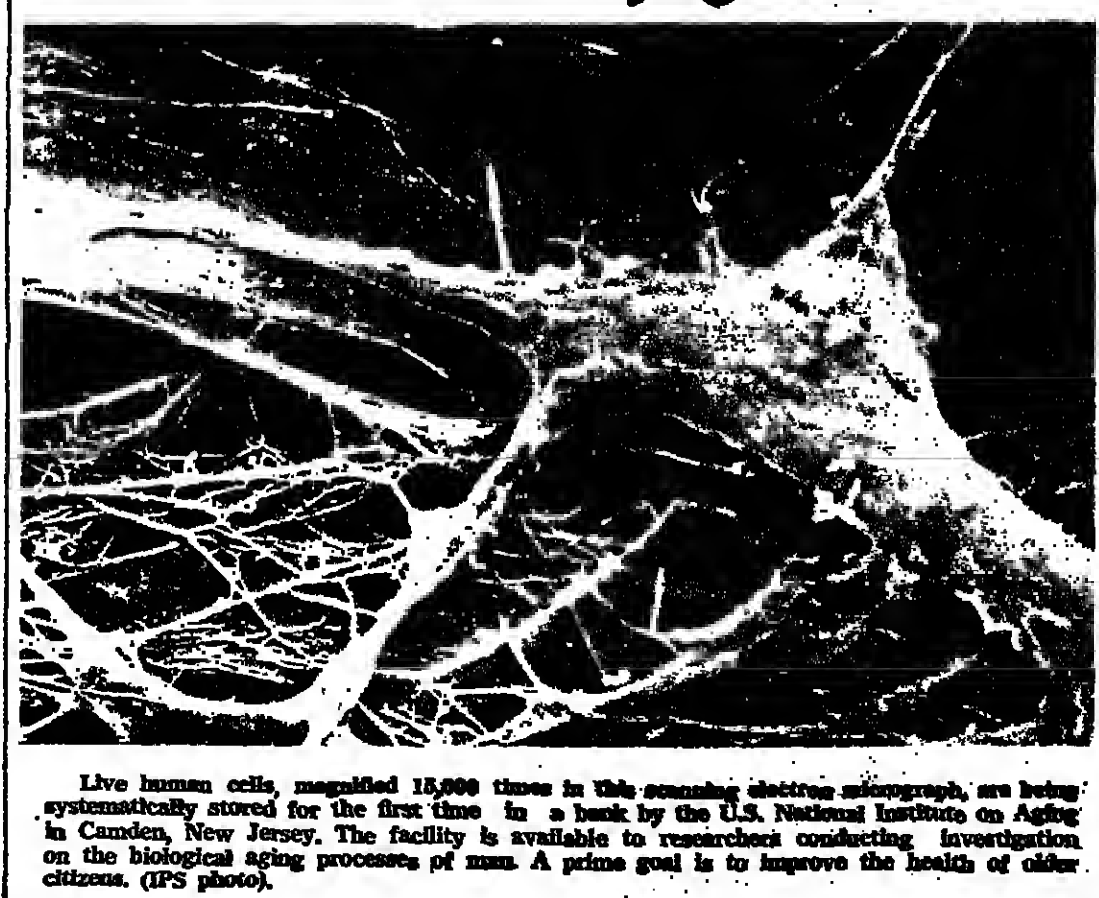
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Human cell library gets started



Live human cells, magnified 15,000 times in this scanning electron micrograph, are being systematically stored for the first time in a bank by the U.S. National Institute on Aging in Camden, New Jersey. The facility is available to researchers conducting investigation on the biological aging processes of man. A prime goal is to improve the health of older citizens. (IPS photo).

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: Early confusion is eliminated by being cautious in whatever you do. The remainder of the day and evening are excellent for making new plans and getting into projects you like.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A letter may cause some problems but if you study it well, it may be to your benefit instead. Be with those persons who can add to present success. Be careful of one who is not acting right.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Go over your plans carefully for accuracy before you put them in motion. Then full speed ahead. You can have a fine time socially with good friends in the evening.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get together with advisers and confidentially gain their ideas, suggestions and then follow the best of such. Be with loved ones in the evening.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You are tempted to do something foolish but your good judgment wins. Be with good friends and show good comradeship.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Take care of business matters before getting into community affairs. Expansion where career work is concerned is possible now.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You have an excellent idea, but it should be studied thoroughly before putting it in motion. Your hunches are not good now, but can be quite accurate later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Evaluate responsibilities and then carry through with them sensibly. Evening is fine for added happiness with loved one. Be thoughtful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Listen to what partners have to say and then you know what needs to be done to have more success. A minor affair that has been puzzling you clears itself up. Avoid one who shows no appreciation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't let an irate fellow worker annoy you. Later the mood changes and all is fine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Make social or recreational appointments early so that all goes smoothly later on. Avoid getting into an angry debate with a loved one. Use tact.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Use more tact at home and have more harmony there. Be careful of one who is working against you.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Difficulties and problems arise where work is concerned, especially with details. Later all is easy and you make real progress. Communications are fine in the evening.

Heavyweight champion Larry Holmes says he deserves boxing title

TUNIS, June 28 (R). — World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion Larry Holmes of the United States said here yesterday he felt he deserved the title, "and I hope to keep it for a long time and thus be worthy of the confidence placed in me by the WBC and the African Boxing Union."

Mr. Holmes, who won the crown from fellow-American Ken Norton earlier this month in Las Vegas, told a news conference at the third general assembly of the African Boxing Union here he regretted that the rival World Boxing Association (WBA) recognized Leon Spinks and not himself as champion.

Mr. Spinks won the undisputed title from Muhammad Ali earlier this year but was stripped of it by the WBC for not meeting Mr. Norton in his first defence. Instead he has signed for a rematch against Mr. Ali later this year.

Asked about a possible fight against Mr. Ali, Mr. Holmes said he had trained with the former champion for four years, knew him well and was certain to beat him because he was younger and had a tring of 28 consecutive victories.

WBC President Jose Suleiman of Mexico compared his organization favourably to the WBA, stating that the Council included federations from 92 nations, while the WBA, he said, was a small organization comprising only the U.S. federation and several from Latin America.

U.S. companies asked to invest in Nigeria

ATLANTA, Georgia, June 28 (AP). — Nigerian businessmen appealed yesterday for small and medium-sized American companies to invest in agriculture and housing in their West African nation.

"We want to see more American involvement in our business life," said Chief Dotun Okubanjo, leader of the delegation of businessmen and president of the Nigerian American Chamber of Commerce.

The 27-member delegation, which is on a 21-day tour of the United States, stopped in Atlanta yesterday.

Mr. Okubanjo said Nigeria must import most of its food even though 70 per cent to

80 per cent of the country's

export is in the form of

raw materials.

"Instead of eating Uncle

Ben's (an American rice

product), we should be eating

Uncle Niger's," he said.

The Nigerian government

offers subsidies as incentives

to foreign investors in agri-

cultural development, Mr. Ok-

ubanjo said.

He said Nigeria also needs

investments in low and mid-

dle-income housing.

Because of tradition, it has

been "considered sacrilege to

sell your father's house," he

said. "But we believe this can

be broken into with good de-

velopment of adequate and

low-cost housing."

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Yankees end Boston's 5-game winning streak

NEW YORK, June 28 (AP).

— Craig Nettles smacked a two-run homer in the 14th inning to give the New York Yankees a 6-4 triumph over Boston and end the Red Sox' five-game winning streak last night.

Elsewhere in the American League, Larry Hise and Dick Davis belted solo homers, and Paul Molitor's two-run double sparked a five-run seventh inning that led the Milwaukee Brewers to a 13-6 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Rusty Staub's two-run homer highlighted a six-run first inning that carried the Detroit Tigers to a 6-1 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Dave McKay and Alan Ashby knocked in two runs each and John Mayberry hit his 13th home run of the season to power the Toronto Blue Jays to a 6-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles in the first game of a doubleheader.

Sam Ewing's pinch single in the ninth inning scored Al Velez from second base to give

the Blue Jays a 9-8 victory over the Orioles in the second game.

In the National League, Ron Cey broke a scoreless tie with a three-run homer in the seventh inning, powering Los Angeles to a 3-0 triumph over Atlanta.

Joe Niekro held Cincinnati to six hits in seven innings and Enos Cabell drove in three runs as Houston defeated the Reds 7-4 and snapped a five-game losing streak. Dick Ruthven hurled a seven-hitter and Greg Luzinski smashed a home run off Hal Dues as Philadelphia blanked Montreal 1-0.

John Stearns belted a three-run homer in a four-run first inning and Pat Zachry pitched a six-hitter as the New York Mets stopped the Chicago Cubs 7-2.

Pete Vuckovich and Buddy Schatz combined on a seven-hitter and Garry Templeton hit a home run to lead the St. Louis Cardinals to a 2-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates in the opener of a doubleheader.

George Hendrick and Jerry

Mumphrey drove in two runs each and Pete Falcone notched

his first decision of the season as the Cardinals took a 6-1 victory over the Pirates in the rain-delayed second game.

In a late National League game on the west coast, Vida Blue scattered six hits for his 11th victory and Jack Clark belted a pinch-hit grand slam home run to lead the San Francisco Giants to a 9-1 victory over the San Diego Padres.

In the American League, Wilbur Wood scattered seven hits

in eight strong innings, and Chet Lemon hit two solo home runs to help the White Sox to a 10-6 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

Dick Ellis and Reggie Cleveland combined on a five-hitter as the Texas Rangers defeated the Oakland A's 3-1 for their seventh straight victory.

Joe Rudi slammed a pinch-hit grand slam homer to give California a 5-4 victory over Kansas City and knock the Royals out of a tie with Texas for the American League West lead.

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

EAST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	37	30	.552	—
Chicago	36	33	.522	—
Montreal	37	36	.507	3
Pittsburgh	34	36	.486	4
New York	32	43	.427	9
St. Louis	28	47	.373	13

WEST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	46	26	.639	—
Cincinnati	44	29	.603	2½
Los Angeles	40	32	.556	6
San Diego	35	38	.479	11½
Houston	31	38	.449	13½
Atlanta	29	41	.414	16

Tuesday's games:

New York 7, Chicago 2
St. Louis 2-6, Pittsburgh 0-1
Philadelphia 1, Montreal 0
Los Angeles 3, Atlanta 0
Houston 7, Cincinnati 4
San Francisco 9, San Diego 1.

Major league baseball results and standings after Tuesday's games:

AMERICAN LEAGUE:

EAST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	51	22	.699	—
New York	42	30	.583	8½
Milwaukee	41	31	.569	9½
Baltimore	40	33	.548	11
Detroit	35	35	.500	14½
Cleveland	32	38	.457	17½
Toronto	25	47	.347	25½

WEST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Texas	39	32	.549	—
Kansas City	38	33	.535	1
California	37	36	.507	3
Oakland	35	38	.479	6½
Chicago	30	41	.423	9
Minnesota	26	49	.347	15

Tuesday's games:

Toronto 6-9, Baltimore 2-8
Detroit 6, Cleveland 1
New York 6, Boston 4, 14 innings
Milwaukee 13, Minnesota 6
California 5, Kansas City 4
Texas 3, Oakland 1
Chicago 10, Seattle 6

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GOOREBRIDGE

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DEAR MR. GOREN:

Q.—Occasionally to your column someone employs a "negative" double, which you explain is for takeout. Exactly how does a negative double work, and how does partner know you are doubling for takeout and not for penalties?—G. Lampert, Bronx, N.Y.

(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.)

A.—In the early days of contract, players would overcall on the smell of an oil rag. However, it was soon discovered that this was not a profitable venture. The opponents would double and the damage inflicted to the wallet was bound to make everyone sit up and take notice. This led to the principle that you needed a sound suit to overcall. As more and more realized the validity of this principle, the opportunities to punish your opponents at a low level became fewer and fewer.

The fertile bridge mind of Alvin Roth developed a new use for the double of an overcall. Instead of being for penalties, he decided that it would be more useful as a takeout. The requirements were a band of 6 or more points, support for the unbid suits and a hand not suitable for a free bid.

This is a conventional treatment. If you adopt this method, you can no longer use a penalty double of an opponent's overcall. The first thing to decide is to what level you want to play the negative double. Some proponents feel that an immediate double of all overcalls should be negative, but if you do decide to adopt this bid I would suggest that you limit its use to overcalls at the one- or two-level, perhaps the three-level as well.

We do not have the space to go into detail about all the uses of the negative double, but some examples should help clarify its uses. Suppose that partner opens the bidding with one diamond, the next hand overcalls one heart and you hold:

a) ♠AQ10xx ♥xx ♦xxx ♣Kxx
b) ♠K10xx ♥xx ♦xxx ♣AQxx
c) ♠Kxx ♥QJ9xx ♦Ax ♣xxx

What action do you take with each of these hands? With hand a) you bid one spade. Since you have a natural bid, you don't make a negative double—no bid your suit freely. With hand b) your spade suit cannot be introduced

freely, and in any event, clubs might be your best spot. This is a perfectly good hand for a negative double. With hand c) you must pass—remember, a double would be for takeout and you don't want to suggest to partner that you have length in the black suits.

Now let's suppose that partner opens one spade and the next hand overcalls two clubs. What do you do with each of these hands?

d) ♠xx ♥Q10xx ♦AQxxx ♣xx
e) ♠xx ♥xx ♦AQxxx ♣Q10xx
f) ♠Kxx ♥Q10xx ♦xxx ♣Ax

With hand d) you double, asking partner about his holding in the unbid suits. The hand is not strong enough for a free bid of two diamonds. With hand e) you must pass, for you will be a perfectly placed partner takes out your double to two hearts. Hand f) is a raise to two spades no matter what method you are using.

But doesn't this mean that the opponents are now free to overcall at will, since you are giving up the penalty double? Not at all. Let's assume that the auction has gone:

North East South West
1 ♠ 1 ♥ Pass Pass

As North, you hold:

♠Ax ♣xx ♥xx ♦KJxxx ♣AJxx

This is not a very inspiring hand, but you cannot afford to pass. You must protect against the possibility that partner wanted to double one heart for penalties, so you must reopen the bidding with a double. If partner holds a hand like c) in our first set of examples, he will convert to penalties by passing. If he holds some other type of hand, he will take appropriate action.

A note of caution about reopening doubles. Before taking that action, you should ask a simple question: If partner had made a penalty double of the overcall, would you have been willing to defend for penalties? If the answer is yes, then your hand qualifies for a reopening double. If not, you must do something else, such as rebid a long suit or introduce a second suit. Be very wary of reopening the bidding with length in the overcaller's suit, for this suggests that partner might have a very weak hand. It's unlikely that he also has length in the overcaller's suit, and he couldn't respond at his first opportunity.

To go into all the ramifications of the negative double and the subsequent auctions would take far more space than is available here. Should you be interested in a more detailed exposition, I suggest you get one of the books or pamphlets that deal with conventions.

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Castro wants to meet with Carter but must receive invitation

HAVANA, June 28 (AP). — Cuban President Fidel Castro said yesterday he wants to meet with U.S. President Jimmy Carter to work out differences between the two countries. But he said Mr. Carter must take the initiative.

Mr. Castro told 18 American mayors that Mr. Carter must issue the invitation because of domestic pressures on the U.S. President over Cuban-American relations.

"Yes, I would like to," Mr. Castro said when one visiting mayor asked if he would be willing to hold such a meeting with Mr. Carter.

"But, he would have to convince more people than I would have to convince," the Cuban president said.

Mr. Castro apparently was referring to aroused American opinion over Cuban involve-

ment in Africa and the traditional pressures from strong anti-Castro groups in the United States.

The Cuban president met with the mayors during a reception at Cuba's Protocol House in Havana. The U.S. officials are leading a delegation of 100 Americans who have been touring municipal facilities in Cuba for the last week.

Mayor Richard Godfrey of Normal, Illinois, said after the closed meeting that the question of a summit surfaced during discussions centering on whether U.S. investments might

return to Cuba and on the issue of reparations for U.S. property seized by Mr. Castro after the 1959 revolution here.

"He said Cuba feels that it is owed something too, but if we are going to solve these issues, we are going to have to have some talks," Mr. Godfrey said.

"I asked if he would be willing to meet with President Carter and he said, 'why not?' Mayor Wayne Pomeroy of Mesa, Arizona, said.

"But we can't suggest it," he quoted Mr. Castro as saying.

Mr. Castro also told the mayors he might welcome some U.S. investment in Cuba. However, diplomatic problems, including the old reparations dispute, would have to be settled first.

The United States broke diplomatic relations with Cuba in 1961 largely because of the reparations issue.

Last year, limited relations were resumed with the placement of a U.S. interest section here under the Swiss Embassy and a similar section for the Cubans under the Czech Embassy in Washington.

Further talks toward improved relations have stalled in recent weeks over Cuban operations in Africa.

Soviet defector from Switzerland given political asylum in Britain

LONDON, June 28 (AP). — A Soviet diplomat who was third secretary at his embassy in Geneva, Switzerland, has been granted political asylum in Britain with his wife and two young children, the British Home Office said early today.

The man was identified as Vladimir Rezun. The Home Office spokesman said the family "arrived in Britain recently and asked to stay and their request was considered and granted."

London's Daily Telegraph newspaper, which has close contacts with Soviet emigres, broke the story of the defection, and the Home Office confirmed it.

No reason for Mr. Rezun's defection was immediately available. The Daily Telegraph said he "slipped out of Switzerland a fortnight ago and flew to London as officials frantically searched for him."

It said that in talks with British officials in London since his defection, Mr. Rezun "emerged as an intelligent and sophisticated young Russian diplomat who was well informed about Soviet foreign policy decisions, disarmament moves and KGB (Soviet secret police) activities."

The Soviet Union has a large embassy in Geneva and has dozens of officials in the employ of United Nations agencies.

The Daily Telegraph claimed Mr. Rezun first contacted American officials in Geneva, and that he either chose to come to Britain or the Americans suggested in the present state of U.S.-Soviet relations it would be better if he defected to London.

The last prominent Soviet defector was Arkady Shevchenko, who quit his U.S. under-secretary general's post in New York in April. His son, Gennadi, who was working with the Soviet delegation to the Geneva Disarmament Conference, was flown back to Moscow in the company of KGB officials.

U.S. Senate rejects proposal to deny Nixon's annual pension

WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP). — The Senate rejected a proposal yesterday to deny former U.S. President Richard M. Nixon \$251,625 in annual government pensions and office expenses. The vote was 89 to 2.

Senator James Abourezk, a South Dakota Democrat, said it was unfair for a man who refused to testify in the Watergate cover-up trial in 1974 to continue to receive a government pension.

Mr. Nixon was summoned to testify at the trial, but he was hospitalized at the time and a court-appointed panel of doctors told U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica that he was too ill to appear.

Moreover, Mr. Abourezk said Mr. Nixon has already grown wealthy after receiving \$1 million for his presidential memoirs and \$600,000 for a series of television interviews with David Frost.

Actually, industry sources say Mr. Nixon received \$2 million for the memoirs and nearly \$1 million for the Frost interviews.

Specifically, Mr. Abourezk's amendment to a Treasury Department appropriation bill would have denied any pension or office allowance "for any former president of the United States who has received a presidential pardon for crimes committed."

Kosygin addresses annual meeting of multi-national economic council

BUCHAREST, Romania, June 28 (AP). — Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin yesterday called for closer cooperation among the members of the Council of Mutual Economic Assistance (COMECON) as he addressed the annual session on its opening day.

Mr. Kosygin praised some of the achievements of the East European trade pact, but referred to "unsolved matters, hardships and difficulties" COMECON was facing, partly because of its own problems and partly because of Western economic ills.

He singled out machine manufacture for criticism and called on the commission in charge to review its entire activity.

The three-day session, for the first time attended by an observer delegation from Ethiopia, is to discuss establishment of long-term special programmes in machine building, energy, fuels, raw materials, agriculture and the food industry.

Also attending as observers are delegations from Angola, North Korea, Laos, and Yugoslavia, which is associated with COMECON.

COMECON members are the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Mongolia and Cuba.

Mr. Kosygin made it clear that perfecting of the economic mechanism of COMECON was to play a leading role in the debates.

The special programmes that will last through the 1990's will have to serve as a basis for the

coordination of the member states' national plans, he said.

Sources at the session said the Soviets would like to place more emphasis in the future on multilateral, rather than bilateral cooperation agreements.

Opening the session, Romanian Premier Manea Manescu expressed the hope that the resolutions to be passed would spur cooperation and create conditions for improving the activity of the 29-year-old organization, which is dominated by the Soviets.

Romania, which openly showed reluctance to join any blocs, has developed trade and political ties with the West, China and the Third World beyond what is standard for a member of the Soviet sphere of influence.

Mr. Manescu was scheduled to address the session today. He was expected to outline Romania's position.

U.S. diplomat briefs Vance on Angola visit

WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP). — A U.S. diplomat briefed Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday about a two-day trip to Marxist-ruled Angola, administration officials said.

U.S. officials, who asked not to be identified, said Ambassador Donald McHenry's report to Mr. Vance described the talks as "constructive."

Meanwhile, the Washington Post, quoting unnamed sources, said Angola officials told Mr. McHenry that they will try to prevent a recurrence of last month's attack by Angola-based Katanga rebels on Zaire's Shaba province.

State Department officials had no immediate comment on that report.

One official however, said Mr. McHenry expressed U.S. concern to Angola's leaders about recent cross-border conflicts involving two of Angola's neighbors, Zaire and Namibia, a territory also known as South-West Africa that is controlled by white-ruled South Africa.

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Attack by Ethiopian forces repulsed, say Eritrean guerrillas

ROME, June 28 (R). — Eritrean guerrillas said today they had repulsed an attack by government forces aimed at regaining control of Ethiopia's northern province.

Spokesman Johannes Zereariam of the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) told Reuters: "They have been trying to cross a river from neighbouring Tigre province near Humera."

"Fighting is still going on but they have not succeeded," he added. "We have had a very good success."

The offensive followed the failure of a similar attack two weeks ago by the Soviet and Cuban-backed Ethiopian military junta aimed at breaking into territory controlled by the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), another insurgent group.

"We staged a counter-offensive in Tigre province at Enticco and destroyed the garrison of almost nine brigades," EPLF Rome spokesman Ermias Debesai said.

We captured three Russian tanks and six armored cars and left nearly 500 Ethiopians dead," he added.

Elsewhere in Eritrea, the EPLF reported that Ethiopian forces had been stalled in their attempts to break out of the rebel stages of Asmara, the provincial capital, Massawa, Eritrea's main Red Sea port, and small garrisons in the isolated towns of Adi Caleh and Barenti.

The ELF said that the civilian population of Massawa (also known as Adi Ugr) about thirty miles (48 km.) south of Asmara, had returned after being evacuated following several bombing raids by the Ethiopian air force.

Both the EPLF and ELF spokesmen said Cubans were training Ethiopian troops with Soviet weapons, but added they had not seen any Cubans in action.

The Cubans were training Ethiopians on B4-21 armored cars capable of firing 40 rockets simultaneously, Mr. Ermias added.

Salonica continues recovery from quake as death toll reaches 47

SALONICA, Greece, June 28 (AP). — The death toll from last week's earthquake in this northern industrial city climbed to 47 yesterday with the discovery of two more bodies in the rubble of a collapsed apartment building.

Authorities said the bodies were found in the basement of the eight-floor apartment house, the only inhabited building to collapse in the quake last Tuesday night.

Meanwhile, authorities started marking every building in this city of 600,000 with three differently coloured posters indicating whether they were safe to live in, in danger of collapse, or needed repairs prior to their occupants returning. The most damaged buildings are being knocked down.

Presidential election process will be set in motion in Italy

ROME, June 28 (R). — Italy tomorrow sets in motion machinery to elect a successor to former President Giovanni Leone and all signs point to a long, arduous period of political bargaining.

No strong candidate has emerged and the main parties -- including Christian Democrats, Communists and Socialists -- are expected to back their own nominations in the first round of voting without expecting victory.

The election will be made by a 1,011-member assembly from the two houses of Parliament and 58 representatives of Italy's regions. It was ordered after Mr. Leone resigned on June 15 following press allegations of tax evasion and financial irregularities.

The presidency is a largely ceremonial post, except at times of political crisis, but it carries great prestige and provides the head of state with a magnificent temporary home -- the Quirinal palace on a hill overlooking the heart of Rome.

Politicians are ready to fight hard for the job and Mr. Leone emerged as a compromise choice in the last election in the 23rd voting session on Christmas Eve, 1971.

After Mr. Leone's resignation, there was immediate speculation that the ruling Chris-

tian Democrats and the second-place Communists would agree on a successor -- Christian Democratic Party Secretary Benigno Zaccagnini.

But at this point the leader of the third-place Socialists, Bettino Craxi, rejected any deal between the two big parties and insisted that the new president should be a Socialist.

He said that traditionally the presidency alternated between a Roman Catholic Christian Democrat and a non-Catholic Socialist.

Mr. Craxi's strength lies in the pivotal role of the Socialists in Italian politics and the fact that neither the Christian Democrats nor the Communists want to offend him.

The Christian Democrats would like the Socialists to rejoin a centre-left coalition excluding the Communists and the Communists want to avoid any new centre-left alliance, political sources said.

But the two figures proposed unofficially by Mr. Craxi for the presidency are not likely to win wide support.

One of them, his political ally Antonio Giamatti, left the Communist Party and bitterly criticised it in 1956 after the Soviet invasion of Hungary

and the Communists are not expected to support him.

Doubts about Mr. Craxi's second candidate, former party secretary Francesco De Martino, centre on his success last May in obtaining a reported \$1 million to pay a ransom for the release of his kidnapped son Guido. The source of these funds has never been revealed.

So in order to avoid offending Mr. Craxi, who warned other parties that he has a "long memory," speculation is now focussing on Alessandro Pertini, a respected Socialist who is 81 years old.

Mr. Pertini has an outstanding record as an opponent of fascism under the late dictator Benito Mussolini and a fighter against German occupation forces at the end of World War II.

He has edited the Socialist Party newspaper Avanti! and served for two terms as speaker of the Chamber of Deputies.

If the choice falls on a non-Socialist, there are few obvious candidates but two of the most prominent veterans are Christian Democratic Senator President Amintore Fanfani, currently acting head of state, and former Deputy Premier Ugo la Malfa, leader of the small Republican Party.

While Solomon Islands government develops shipping industry, canoes and feet are still main transport

In the Solomon Islands a missionary will still walk three days across the mountains to the nearest town, because his airstrip is covered with algae and the sea too rough for schooners. Canoes and feet are still the main transport—but the government is trying to develop its shipping.

By Irene Hawkins

HONIARA, Solomon Islands, (F.T.).— Rush hour on a South Pacific island is not quite the same as at Hyde Park Corner. But even so it can be quite difficult to cross the one and only main road in Honiara, the capital of this South Pacific archipelago. A large part of the Solomon Islands' 2,000 cars and trucks run on the 22 kilometres of tarmac through Honiara to the airport. Otherwise it's just a bumpy, dusty ride on coral stone roads—if an island is indeed so lucky as to have a road at all.

Most of the 1,500 km. of motorable roads are on two islands—Guadalcanal, on which Honiara is located and where a good deal of agricultural development has taken place in recent years, and Malaita where 60,000 of the 200,000 Solomon Islanders live.

Canoeing is the main mode of transport between the islands, scattered over an archipelago of 250 inhabited islands, have to travel as all their forefathers did—either on foot or by canoe. Small children learn to paddle a dug-out almost before they can walk. Forty per cent of all Solomon Island families own a canoe.

In the Western Solomons, an especially fragmented part, it is as many as 7 out of ten families, of which at least two also own an outboard motor. By comparison only three out of every ten Western Solomons families have a radio.

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will get the most useful, reliable and cheapest way of transport—apart from your own feet.

Sometimes even a canoe is no use. Thus one of the best known missionaries on Guadalcanal periodically turns up in Honiara with a knapsack and very sore feet after having crossed high mountains and dense jungle for three days from the Weathercoast on the south side of the island. The site of his mission has an airstrip, a road and a harbour with plenty of canoes. But often the runway is slippery because of algae, the road impassable and rough seas make anchorage for schooners and travel by canoe treacherously difficult.

The example of the Weathercoast is typical of the formidable transport problems the Solomon Islands' government has to overcome, if it wants to open up remote rural areas.

Obstacles

Dotted about over more than 2,000 km. of ocean with often rough stretches of seas between them, many of the islands are surrounded by treacherous coral reefs, the nightmare of skippers ever nowadays.

The six main islands are mountainous, struck by cyclones and periodic earthquakes, accom-

pazied by serious erosion and landslides. Sudden torrential rains cause flash-flooding and without bridges over the innumerable rivers roads frequently become impassable.

Until World War II a handful of mail steamers and mission boats as well as numerous small Chinese-owned trading vessels were the only means of transport over longer distances. The fact that the Solomon Islands became one of the hotly contested spots in the last war between Japanese and U.S. forces—with quite disastrous effects on the archipelago's plantations and economic structure—at least gave the islands their first extensive roads and a number of airstrips made from crushed and rolled coral, mainly built by the Americans.

Since the 1960's the government has spent substantial amounts of U.K. aid on more and better roads, airstrips and shipping facilities. There is no doubt that unless the 90 per cent rural population is provided with a better infrastructure and more agricultural development in the remote islands the drift from the land into Honiara will start in earnest.

Sea transport

About a third of the 150-odd vessels that make up the inter-island fleet are owned by the government and are for many of the outlying islands the only link with the outside world. Berthing and loading facilities are grossly inadequate at the few larger harbours and virtually non-existent at the many small ones.

Thus, a typical ten to 20-ton schooner that collects copra—virtually the only product grown for sale by most of the people—and delivers anything from people, animals, building materials to foodstuffs and vital medical supplies to isolated stations, often enough draws up alongside a rickety jetty made of rough tree trunks. They are laid across coral rocks and liable to slide under less experienced feet than those of the sturdy copra-loaders who climb across them with incredible nimbleness.

The government is in the process of improving shipping. It cannot afford to lose any time, because shipping developments abroad have already begun to threaten the Solomon Islands. In the future, container ships from

Australia and the larger ships from Europe are likely to come only to Honiara, the only suitable port for them. So the Solomon Islands must have an efficient inter-island distribution network.

Solair, a small local airline, has greatly improved travel to even the more distant islands. It now services more than 20 airstrips, clocking up an annual 600,000 km. But for the majority of the local people this way of travelling is well beyond their means.

In the old days the Solomon Islanders had to walk or go by canoe for want of another method. Now quite a few live near roads or airstrips, but they cannot afford the air ticket, let alone a car, out of a yearly average income of less than \$200 Australian.

So for most of them the canoe will remain the best and cheapest form of transport for a long while yet—unless donkeys or mules are introduced, which has been suggested recently for opening up the mountainous interior of the islands.

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JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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- Room or mats
- Aleutian outpost
- Concerning
- Summarize
- Light
- Short distance
- Overcome by
- Sour
- Before
- Formerly, old style
- Reluctant
- Son of Hera
- Aroused
- Phile. New Year VIP

DOWN

- Climb, in a way
- Purgative
- Contemptible man
- Hot time in Paris
- Abbr. after some poems
- Oscillate
- Changed color
- Fortify
- Mushroom stalk
- Farmer's milieu
- Messenger
- Barely
- Musical intervals

18 - Rabbit

- Grape plant
- Church word
- Be out-standing
- Part of a respectful reply
- Arm bone
- Crazed
- Furfolk
- Alpine folk
- William the Bowman
- Nelson the singer
- Emphasized
- Stiletto's kin
- Bank slogan
- Remote
- Billboard adhesives
- Demigod
- Chicago's airport
- Atoll builder
- Worm-out
- Horses
- Loop off
- Tissue's name
- Math branch
- Employs
- Its capital is Aalborg
- Maiden name word

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